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"Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Penetration"

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Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Capabilities in Relation to Trade and Aid

A. Economic base of USSR, European Satellites, and Communist China. Size, rates of growth, relative share of industrial production, comparative US-USSR output of selected commodities.

B. USSR Trade. US-USSR comparison in absolute terms and in relation to gross national product. USSR trade with underdeveloped countries, and its commodity composition.

C. USSR Trade and Aid within the Bloc. Soviet trade with and economic assistance to the European Satellites and Communist China, with emphasis on development aid to China.

Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Aid Program

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A. Post-Stalin changes in external economic relations; economic and political motives in the program.

B. Size and Geographic Orientation of the Bloc program to date. Free World-Bloc comparisons. Credits, civilian and military specialists.

C. Characteristics of Bloc programs to date. Technical aid, trade agreements, interest rates, surplus commodities, freedom from military pacts.

D. Selected Case Studies - Afghanistan, Yemen, Indonesia.

E. Some Future Prospects. Probable growth. Developments in air transport. Latin American trade. Targets of opportunity.

Receptivity of Underdeveloped Countries to Soviet Programs

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